and so long as that was not done, there would be always petty jealousy and clamouring for the loaves and fishes of office. So long as the people were not taught to find out their own salvation in those larger affairs of life, their attention would be confined to narrow things and their outlook would be always circumscribed. But if only the powerful influence of the Government were exercised in such a manner that the people could work out their own economic salvation, there would be greater harmony and union among the various classes of the people and the resources of the country also would be increased several fold.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

161. The necessity for the extension of the Railway to South Travancore.

Mr. R. Ponnia Nadar (Member, Nominated) said that the existing motor service from Trivandrum to Nagercoil was quite unsuited to trade and to the ordinary people for purposes of travel. In the interests of trade and industry, the country should be opened up by railways. The development of trade at the Cape and Colachel would receive an impetus by the introduction of the iron horse in South Travancore. The manufacture of salt would be developed by improved facilities of communication. The Member therefore requested that the railway should be extended from Trivandrum to Cape Comorin.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The consideration of the subjects being over, some of the Members of the Assembly addressed the Dewan as follows:—

Mr. K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, B. A. & B. L., (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) :—

Sir,

On behalf of the Members of the Eleventh Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, I beg of you to convey to His Highness the Maha Raja our deep feelings of devotion and loyalty to the Person and Throne of our Sovereign.

It is the homage of a grateful people that we tender in the name of our electorates, conscious of the rich harvest of blessings reaped by us during the thirty years of His Highness' beneficent reign, with the prospect of a still richer harvest that lies before us in the years to come, and it is therefore no wonder that, day after day, from the mansions of the rich and the cottages of the poor, devout prayers are ascending to the Footstool of the Almighty for His Highness' long life and health.

We feel it our duty to warmly acknowledge the uniform courtesy and patience with which you listened to our representations. We are conscious of several defects in us in the discharge of our duties as Members of this Assembly. I would request you, however, Sir, to remember that this infant institution is just entering upon the eleventh year of its existence, struggling through immaturity of understanding to the wisdom, the strength and the responsibility that manhood brings. I can see the vision of a better day, when public life in Travancore will be fuller and richer, broad-based upon a spirit of healthy compromise, and when the proudest distinction that we shall yearn for will be the privilege of being able to say, as the ancient Romans did, "I am a Travancore citizen." That happy day can be ushered in much earlier than many of us are at present inclined to believe, if the responsible leaders of the different communities in the State will educate public opinion and develop an ideal of public life under which all stand for the State and none for a party, and I plead with all the fervour and sincerity that I can command that they should work for this desirable consummation in a spirit of whole-hearted devotion. We hope, however, as years roll on, to be able to present a larger volume of sober constructive criticism on the great problems that engage or should engage the attention of His Highness' Government. But it is due to us to assure you that the idea of embarrassing Government was farthest from our thoughts in the representations that we made.

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